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SUBJECT: BOMBING AT ANKARA TAA (BNC)

SUMMARY: AT APPROXIMATELY 2150 HOURS 22 JANUARY A BOMB EXPLODED  
IN FRONT OF THE ANKARA TURKISH-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION BUILDING (BNC)  
IN ANKARA. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND DAMAGE WAS MODEST.

1. ESTIMATE OF TIME OF EXPLOSION DETERMINED BY USIS STAFF

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RESIDING IN AREA WHO HEARD BLAST. DPAO (ACTING PAO), IO AND  
CAO WERE AT THE SCENE APPROXIMATELY 2215 HOURS. FACING BUILDING,  
BLAST OCCURRED NEAR LEFT CORNER, GROUND LEVEL, SHATTERING  
LIBRARY WINDOWS AT BASEMENT LEVEL, 1ST FLOOR (EUROPEAN) MEMBERS'  
LOUNGE 2ND FLOOR DIRECTOR'S OFFICE. BUILDING CLOSED AT TIME  
OF EXPLOSION. GUARD AND CLEANING CREW IN OTHER PORTIONS OF  
BUILDING. DESTRUCTION RESTRICTED TO BROKEN GLASS, NO INTERNAL

DAMAGE.

2. CHARGE PLACED IMMEDIATELY INSIDE LOW WALL SEPARATING GROUNDS FROM STREET, NEXT TO HIGHER ALLEY WALL. CHARGE BLASTED EARTH AND STONE AGAINST BUILDING. WALLS PREVENTED DAMAGE TO NEXT BUILDING, CAR PARKED ON SIDEWALK ONLY A FEW FEET AWAY. ANKARA POLICE, MINISTER OF INTERIOR PERSONALLY AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNOR'S OFFICE RESPONDED.

3. CASE BEING INVESTIGATED TODAY. POST DOUBTS THAT MUCH WILL BE LEARNED. PART OF PATTERN OF RANDOM VIOLENCE, USUALLY UNIVERSITY CENTERED, PLAGUING ANKARA. PREVIOUS EVENING FRENCH CULTURAL CENTER ALSO BOMBED, SUFFERING SIMILAR DAMAGE. IN ISTANBUL, A NUMBER OF FOREIGN-OWNED CONCERNS (RENAULT, SIEMENS, IRANAIR) PLUS KOC HOLDING ALSO BOMBED WITH MINOR DAMAGE SATURDAY NIGHT.

COMMENT: IF GOOD CAN COME OF SUCH AN INCIDENT, IT MIGHT TAKE THE FORM OF RECONSIDERATION BY AGENCY OF FUNDING SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AT ANKARA BNC. THE MEMBERS' LOUNGE, WHERE MOST DAMAGE OCCURRED, IS ROOM WHERE AGENCY HAS JUST INVESTED NEARLY \$50,000 IN IMPROVEMENTS. IT ALSO MOST VULNERABLE ROOM IN BUILDING TO THIS TYPE ATTACK. POST REQUESTS IOM/S, IEU REVIEW SITUATION, PREVIOUS POST REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE. GOULD

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